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June 10, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
REGION 4, LANCASTER, AND REGION 34, DESERT VIEW HIGHLANDS  
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR WATER SYSTEM SECURITY  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE  
VALLEY:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with ABS Consulting, Inc., to provide design, construction management, and testing services for a water system security improvement project (Project) for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Region 4, Lancaster, and Region 34, Desert View Highlands (District), at a not-to-exceed cost of \$275,000.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the water system security improvements is to implement several security measures at nine high-risk water facility sites identified by a Vulnerability Assessment Study conducted for the District by a consultant. The security measures would reduce the risk from a high to a medium terrorist attack, based on criteria published by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, to water users in the District.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This Project will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by protecting the health and safety of the public through enhancements of water system security.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Funds to cover the cost of this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 District's Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64.)

The recommended cost for the Project is a not-to-exceed amount of \$275,000, including \$25,000 for contingency work. Additional work will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works. Summaries of the project schedule and budget are shown as Enclosures A and B, respectively.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel will be used. The agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, ABS Consulting, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

ABS Consulting, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service program).

The agreement also contains provisions requiring the contractor to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A finding of environmental impact is not required for the award of this consultant services agreement. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On March 16, 2004, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals to 84 firms for the Project which was advertised on the County's web page. Three firms responded to the Request for Proposals. A committee evaluated the proposals and selected ABS Consulting, Inc., as the best qualified firm for this Project.

The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for this scope of work.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Work's CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. ABS Consulting, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

May 2004

ENCLOSURE A

WATER SYSTEM SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**I. ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Project Activity	Scheduled Date
Vulnerability Assessment	March 2003*
Design Phase	
- Contract Execution	June 2004
- Construction Document Submittal	September 2004
- Jurisdictional Approval	October 2004
Construction Bid and Award	December 2004
Construction	
- Substantial Completion	June 2005
- Acceptance	July 2005

\* Indicates completed activity.

ENCLOSURE B

## WATER SYSTEM SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY**

Budget Category	Project Budget
Land Acquisition	N/A
Plan Check and Jurisdictional Review	N/A
Construction	
- Construction	\$400,000
- Change Orders	N/A
Equipment	N/A*
Consultant Services (design, construction management, and testing services)	
- Phase I: Confirmation of Vulnerability Assessment Results and Definition of Security Improvement Needs	\$46,900
- Phase II: Design of Basic Security Measures	\$89,100
- Phase III: Construction Phase Services Related to Phase II Design Implementation	\$111,000
- Blue Print/ Reproduction Services	\$3,000
- Contingency	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$275,000
County Services (RFP, Project Management & Construction Inspection)	\$130,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$805,000</b>

\* Equipment costs are included under construction budget.